

REMARKS

A statement that the present application is the National Stage of International Application No. PCT/EP2003/010789 has been added immediately after the TITLE.

Claims 4, 7-11, 13-17, and 19-22 have been amended to remove alternative language, *i.e.*, “namely,” “preferably,” “particularly,” “*e.g.*,” “in particular,” and “most preferably,” to better conform to U.S. practice. These amendments do not change the scope of the claims in any way.

Claims 7-16 and 18-22 have been amended to remove multiple dependencies to better conform with U.S. practice and to minimize filing fees.

Claim 7 has been amended to recite a Markush group to better conform with U.S. practice. This amendment does not change the scope of the claim in any way.

Claim 17 also has been amended to recite “a mixture” to correct an obvious typographical error. This amendment does not change the scope of the claim in any way.

Claims 25-37 have been added. Support for these claims is found in the specification at, for example, page 1, line 16 - page 2, line 8; page 3, lines 3-19; page 5, lines 1-21; and page 6, lines 21-27; in Examples 1-5 and 8; and in original claims 4, 8-10, and 13-15. See, *In re Gardner*, 177 USPQ 396, 397 (CCPA 1973) and MPEP §§ 608.01(o) and (I).

It is submitted that no new matter has been introduced by the foregoing amendments. Approval and entry of the amendments is respectfully solicited.

Favorable action on the merits including entry of the Preliminary Amendment prior to examination on the merits and allowance of all the claims, respectfully, is requested. If the Examiner has any questions regarding this paper, please contact the undersigned attorney.

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